

Please amend claims 1, 5, 12, 20, 34, 44, 50, 61, 73, 75, 76, 78, 79, and 81 as follows:

1. (Amended) A hair dye fixative comprising a multivalent metal ion capable of forming a complex compound with an acid dye.

5. (Amended) A hair dye fixative according to Claim 1 wherein a combination amount of said multivalent metal ion is 0.1 to 20 % by weight in terms of a weight of the corresponding metal salt.

12. (Amended) A hair dye fixative according to Claim 1 wherein said multivalent metal ion is aluminum ion.

20. (Amended) A hair dye comprising:

an acid dye;

a multivalent metal ion capable of forming a complex compound with said acid dye; and,

an organic solvent having quantitative and qualitative characteristics which do not allow said acid dye to form a dye complex with said multivalent metal ion.

34. (Amended) A hair dye according to Claim 20 wherein said multivalent metal ion is aluminum ion.

44. (Amended) A mixing type hair dye wherein a mixture of two compositions is prepared before use and the mixture is applied to hair consisting of:

a first composition comprising an acid dye; and

a second composition comprising a multivalent metal ion capable of forming a complex compound with said acid dye.

50. (Amended) A hair dye according to Claim 44 wherein a second composition comprises said multivalent metal in an amount of 0.1 to 20 % by weight in terms of a weight of the corresponding metal salt.

61. (Amended) A hair dye according to Claim 44 wherein said multivalent metal ion is aluminum ion.

73. (Amended) A hair dyeing method characterized by treating the hair with a hair dye fixative comprising a multivalent metal ion capable of forming a complex compound with an acid dye, and then dyeing a hair with an acid dye.

75. (Amended) A hair dyeing method according to Claim 73 wherein said multivalent metal ion is aluminum ion.

76. (Amended) A hair dyeing method characterized by dyeing a hair with an acid dye and simultaneously treating the hair with a hair

dye fixative comprising a multivalent metal ion capable of forming a complex compound with said acid dye.

78. (Amended) A hair dyeing method according to Claim 76 wherein said multivalent metal ion is aluminum ion.

79. (Amended) A hair dyeing method characterized by dyeing a hair with an acid dye and then treating the hair with a hair dye fixative comprising a multivalent metal ion capable of forming a complex compound with said acid dye.

81. (Amended) A hair dyeing method according to Claim 79 wherein said multivalent metal ion is aluminum ion.

REMARKS

These remarks follow the order of the outstanding Office Action beginning at page 1 thereof. Applicant respectfully requests re-examination in light of the above amendments and these remarks.

Priority Under 35 USC § 119

Applicant appreciates the acknowledgement of priority.

Specification

The specification has been reviewed and corrected as requested by the Examiner. Still further, a complete revised specification has been provided as required.